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Dear President, I have heard from Miss Livingstone & she has made all arrangements with Miss Cartwright. So I suppose the business is over & through at Musgrave's gain the difficulty of administering a Univ. through laymen without academic interests we have no doubt a good woman for the Hall & much superior in fact & many ways to what we might have had under such circumstances. Therefore some day you will be able to get for the Univ. the abilities & promises of Miss Livingstone. I have heard nothing from Mrs. Massey: she is perhaps rather annoyed: it cannot be helped: as also is wrong: he will get over it. I shall be glad to have the book. I have written a few pages for Welch's publication, still in hand: such I came down: rather for the OTC address in November. Rain every day & cold often & shocking bad golf in consequence of rain & wind. Lapp[illegible] is here

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Le - I addressed a recruiting meeting here of Scotchmen & French. A few French only were present: I spoke for two minutes in their own language to them: I trust they recognised it & did not say as the Italians did when Sandys spoke his best Italian that the gentleman could not be reported as he spoke in English. I told you this before I think: it happened in Bologna. Our servant is ill in bed (alitée) & my wife & daughter are doing their coffee: my wife has the cake at present & a long distance: Oxford coffee is not up to Canadian. Ivy is now on the staff of General Edwards as his Signaller & rather regrets it: but he sees no chance of cavalry being used. Instead he is Signalling & using wireless learning a little Latin under a Canadian from Queens or McGill who knows a great deal but cannot drill - which is some consolation to a non scientific assistant

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I shld have added that the pet-about-to-be Scotchmen at the meeting
raised about two hoots: if I can sq one minute for each recruit
I did well with my dubious French! Isa Clarke is being
to called with remarks that our base hospital is to be broken
up rei contradicting them. An american reporter of the New
York Times sq French has lost his grip. I hope not - but it
almost looks as if something were wrong with our impassive
troops: the same man sq the French are annoyed at our in-
activity: the Yankee Jews love to make mischief but I am
glad to hear pm here that many Americans are in the Foreign
Legion fighting hard for the allies with ex-Bishops, convicts,
all sorts of broken men: a few Canadians enlisted when
the war broke out - some of them are now being allowed to
go over to our Army. Kind regards to Mrs Falconer I hope
the children are better. Mrs Strathy's news from Rome is being
worked down here: she is indefatigable. yours

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P. S.
I don't know Fairley: perhaps I met him with Tory last Sept. He seems to be a good man from your description & Young seems to have agreed with Jackson in thinking poor of Waterhouse: so there are consolations. Heard from De Champs. He is rather sore but has agreed to bring out his wife in 1916. He expects himself to return early in the Autumn of this year. Joe reports that Clive Carruthers is sailing out his heart in Oxford. I trust his father will get over his horrible Pacifism & let him go to the front - and no one left in Corpus he says but blacks & invalids. Joyce has tried to see Billy Mavor but had not succeeded in finding him when she wrote. She is passing her term Exams in massage well: 3rd out of a class of 24. Merton has issued an honor roll in which my half brother is the only man reported "missing": half a dozen are killed. New College

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See is issuing an honor roll including not Germans Rhodes men killed fighting for Germany. That seems to be pushing sentimentalism rather far. As they say an honor roll is presumably meant not for men who died fighting but died fighting for their King & Country: but Oxford idealism is visually. We have not included Stadler in ours. The Montreal Judge Davidson was shocked at our lack of idealism in the matter of our Germans: I have explained to some of his colleagues that the academic element was not narrow in that matter. To satisfy the idealists & the materialistic Governors is impossible.